

REMARKS

Claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 11 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 15 and 16 have been allowed. Applicants wish to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Girrens et al. (US 6,154,364) in view of Jackson et al (US 5,006,417) and Kawai et al (US 6,569,524). Applicants have canceled claims 11 and 12, and thus, respectfully request that the foregoing rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 5000-5118. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 5000-5118. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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